

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2014 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : April 8, 2014

Resolution No.: 211

Introduced by: Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

**A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE COUNCILMANIC ELECTION SHALL SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE FIRST BIENNIAL TERM OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO CHANGE THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FROM ONE (1) TO TWO (2) YEARS**

By the Council: April 8, 2014

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order,   
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Section 805 of the Charter for Talbot County provides for voter approval of proposed amendments to the Charter; and,

WHEREAS, Art. XI-A Section 5, Maryland Constitution provides that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the County Council.

SECTION ONE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the question to adopt the following Charter Amendment appear on the ballot at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of Talbot County:

**KEY**

**Boldface**..... Heading or defined term.  
Underlining..... Added to existing law by original resolution  
~~Strikethrough~~..... Deleted from existing law by original resolution  
Double underlining..... Added to resolution by amendment  
~~Double strikethrough~~ ..... Deleted from resolution by amendment  
\* \* \* ..... Existing law unaffected.

SECTION TWO: Section 209 of the Talbot County Charter be amended as follows:

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**Section 209 Officers of the Council**

- 1 | The Council shall elect from among its members a President and a Vice President on ~~an annual~~ a
- 2 | biennial basis on the first Tuesday in December, except that the Councilmember-elect receiving
- 3 | the highest number of popular votes in the Councilmanic election shall serve as President during

4 | the first biennial term of that office. In the event such Councilmember-elect declines to serve as  
5 | President, the Council shall elect the President. The President, or in his absence the Vice  
6 | President, shall preside at all meetings. On all questions before the Council the President and  
7 | Vice President have and may exercise the vote to which each is entitled as a Council member.

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SECTION TWO: In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, the question to adopt this proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to and decided by County voters at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election the majority of popular votes cast on the question are in favor of this proposed amendment, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election.

SECTION THREE: If the proposed amendment is approved by the voters at the election, the salary increase authorized by the amendment shall become effective for the Council terms beginning in December 2014; this amendment shall have no effect on the existing salaries of the sitting Council.

SECTION FOUR: In accordance with the requirements of Maryland Constitution Article 11-A § 5 and Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, this Resolution, if approved by 4/5 of the full Council, shall be published once a week for five (5) successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the County.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and title of this Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ having been published, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

## **BY THE COUNCIL**

ENACTED:

By Order \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Pack -

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Bartlett -

Price -

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